(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for its production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 30 channelled digital PCM equipment developed by TRC uses modern technology and employees per channel codec chip. The equipment will form primary building block for the digitalisation programme of the department. The equipment will also considerably augment the junction capacity of the cables between two exchanges and will save the country considerable sums of foreign exchange.

(c) Steps have been taken for the productionisation of this equipment in ITI Bangalore, ITI Naini, Gujarat Communications and Electronics Ltd. (GCEL), Kerala Electronics Ltd. KELTRON) Punjab Communications Ltd., and Electronic Corporation of India Ltd., (ECIL) and BEL (Bharat Electronics Ltd). Production is to commence during 1986-87 itself.

Demand for new telephone connections

708. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total demand of new telephone connections in different parts of the country;

(b) what is the demand in this regard from Maharashtra State; and

(c) by when the waiting list is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The total demand of new telephone connections in the country as on 31-12-1985 is 10,00,095. Details are given in the Annexure.

(b) The demand in Maharashtra State as on 31-12-1985 is 2,69,194.

(c) The present waiting list is likely to be cleared progressively during next 7 years subject to the availability of adequate resources.

Annexure

S. No.	Telecom. Circle; serving State including Telephone Districts	Total demand of New telephone connections as on 31-12-85
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh (Including Hyderabad, Viajayawada Telephone Districts)	58,054
2	*Bihar* (Including Patna Telephone District)	8,639
3	*Gujarat* (Including Ahmedabad, Baroda, Rajkot and Surat Telephone Districts. Also serving Daman, Diu, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Salvasa)	1,03,156
4	*Jammu and Kashmir*	8,561
5	*Karnataka* (Including Bangalore Telephone District)	47,329
6	*Kerala* (Including Calicut, Ernakulam, Trivandrum Telephone Districts. Also serving Mahe & Lakshdweep)	68,827

1	2	3
7	*Madhya Pradesh* (Including Indore,Bhopal, Telephone Districts) .	29,202
8	*Maharashtra* (Including Bombay, Nagpur and Pune Telephone Districts. Also serving Goa)	2,60,194
9	*North East* (Covering Assam, Tripura, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh and including Gauhati Telephone Districts)	7,846
10	*North West* (Covering Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh. Including Amritsar, Chandigarh, Jullundur and Ludhiana Tele- Telephone Districts)	63,073
11	*Orissa*	4,284
12	*Rajasthan* (Including Jaipur Telephone District) . . .	30,919
13	*Tamil Nadu* (Including Coimbatore, Madras, and Madurai Telephone Districts, Also serving Pondichery)	73,266
14	*Uttar Pradesh* (Including Agra, Allahabad, Lucknow, Kanpur & Varanasi Telephone District)	39,160
15	*West Bengal* (Including Calcutta Telephone District) . .	36,361
16	*Delhi* (Delhi Telephone District) Delhi Union Territory .	1,52,224
	TOTAL	10,000,95

Telephone services in rural areas

709. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the proportion of telephone connections in urban areas and rural areas respectively;

(b) whether there is any proposal to connect all the rural Post Offices in the country with telephones; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) As on 31-3-1985, the proportion of telephone connections in Urban and Rural areas is about 7.2:1 respectively.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b).

STD connections in Maharashtra

710. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many cities of the country are having S.T.D. services;

(b) how many cities and towns of Maharashtra State are having S.T.D. connections; and

(c) whether there is any proposal for providing STD connections in different towns of Maharashtra State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) There are 361 cities in the country having STD services as on 31-1-86.

(b) There are 33 cities and towns in Maharashtra State having STD facilities as on 31-1-86.